



Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

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Office of the Chairman

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I've found Adm Murphy pretty much out of pocket because of the VP's trip.

Consequently I could not call him to put the pressure on re: the Burroughs Computers.

What I propose instead is to do his staff work for him. The attached note from me gives him a draft memo he ought to send John McH. to put a hold on the machines. If you agree, I'll have it hand delivered to him.

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I appreciate your desire to terminate agency financial responsibility for these systems as soon as possible. I am sorry that we cannot give you a definitive request for computer support by the 18 July 1983 deadline that has been established, but I can assure you that I would like to see these systems used productively in support of our joint efforts to improve narcotics interdiction and intelligence. It would be most helpful to the national interdiction effort if CIA could hold these systems, in storage if necessary, until our initial analysis can be completed and we can establish how one or more of these systems could be incorporated into the NNBIS architecture. I am convinced that the relatively small amount of money involved would be outweighed by the tangible expression of support by the intelligence community which these computers represent.

Admiral Daniel Murphy, USN

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11 July 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration, CIA

FROM: Admiral Daniel Murphy, USN (Ret.)
Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice President

SUBJECT: Burroughs Computer Systems

On 7 June 1983 representatives from the IC Staff brought to my attention the availability of four Burroughs 6900 computer systems for reassignment within the intelligence or law enforcement community. As you know, the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System (NNBIS) will require a concerted effort from us all to intensify those activities which will aid the interdiction of illegal drugs entering the United States. In order to increase the overall effectiveness of all resources dedicated to this task, we realize that procedures for facilitating information exchange and improving communications must be established.

Although we have not yet developed a detailed ADP system architecture, I feel that these Burroughs computer systems are clearly a valuable resource that could be employed to support the NNBIS. Regrettably, our data processing requirements have not been defined, and I cannot specifically state how many systems would be required to meet our needs for processing and expansion. I have been advised, however, that Burroughs Corporation has offered to assist us in this evaluation to include site inspections, technical evaluation of user requirements, and other Burroughs standard support related activity associated with the pre installation phase. I have directed G. Phillip Hughes to take the lead in working with Burroughs and IC Staff advisory personnel to assess our functional requirements for information exchange and communications and to provide me a recommendation on the hardware required to support a NNBIS ADP system.

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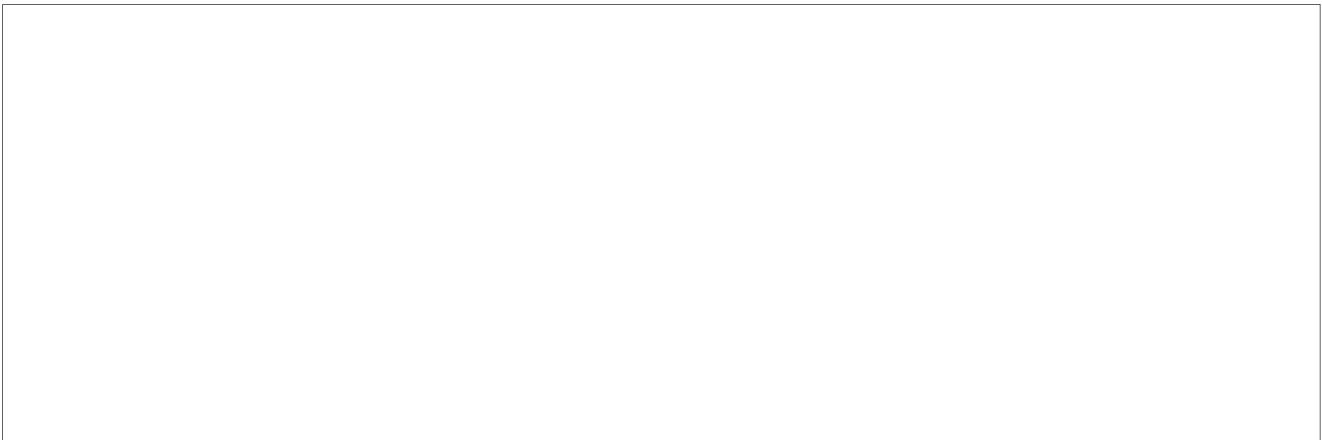
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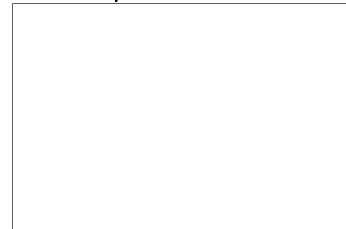
Admiral Murphy,

I've had the attached draft put together for your consideration. You may wish to use it as a talker to discuss the matter of Burroughs computers with Harry Fitzwater, or simply send it to him to serve as a written request to hold the computers. Such a request is needed because CIA has asked anyone interested in these four Burroughs computer systems to so state in writing by 18 July 1983.



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Given the relatively small amount of money involved and the obvious potential for ADP support to NNBIS which these systems could provide, I recommend that you sign the attached memo requesting CIA to hold these systems until further recommendations can be accomplished by your staff. The systems can always be given to GSA as excess if NNBIS cannot put them to use.



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